

NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs New Council Member Orientation



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International Responsibilities

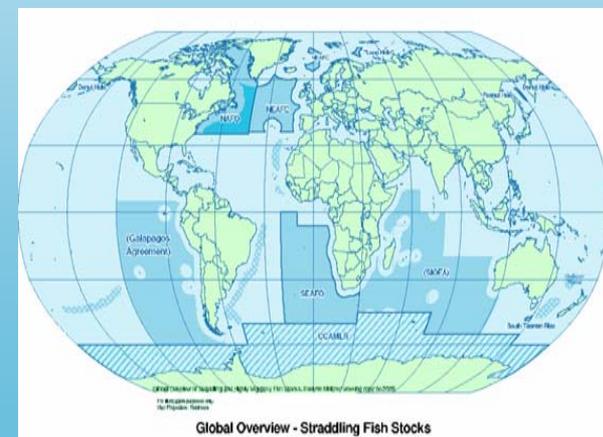
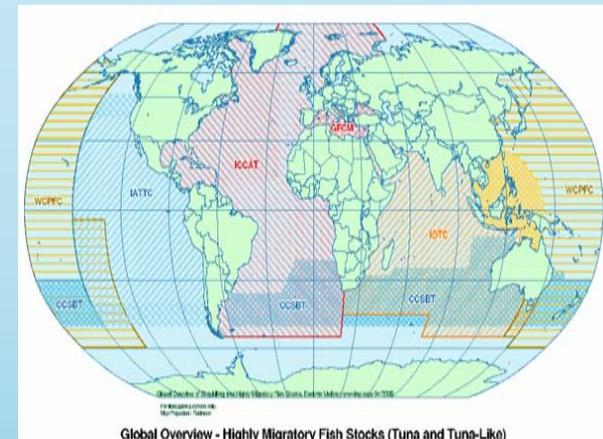
- Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA)
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Implementing legislation for treaties and agreements:
 - e.g., Pacific Salmon Treaty Act, Atlantic Tuna Convention Act, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, and more
- Bilateral agreements with other governments (Japan, Russia and others)





International Responsibilities

- Regional Fishery Management Organizations (RFMOs)
- Summary tables provide:
 - Implementing legislation
 - Species and parties
 - U.S. Commissioners
 - Council(s) and relevant FMPs
 - Top U.S. objectives





International Bodies and Agreements

- International activity for living marine resource conservation also occurs in many other bodies:
 - CCAMLR, IWC, CBD, CITES, SPREP, APEC
- Other global organizations with a role in fisheries:
 - UN, FAO and OECD

F/IA Office Structure & Responsibilities



International Activities Outside of F/IA

Seattle, WA
Northwest Region

Northwest
Fisheries Science
Center

Alaska Fisheries
Science Center

Long Beach, CA
Southwest
Region

LaJolla, CA
Southwest
Fisheries Science
Center

Juneau, AK
Alaska Region

Honolulu, HI
Pacific Islands Region

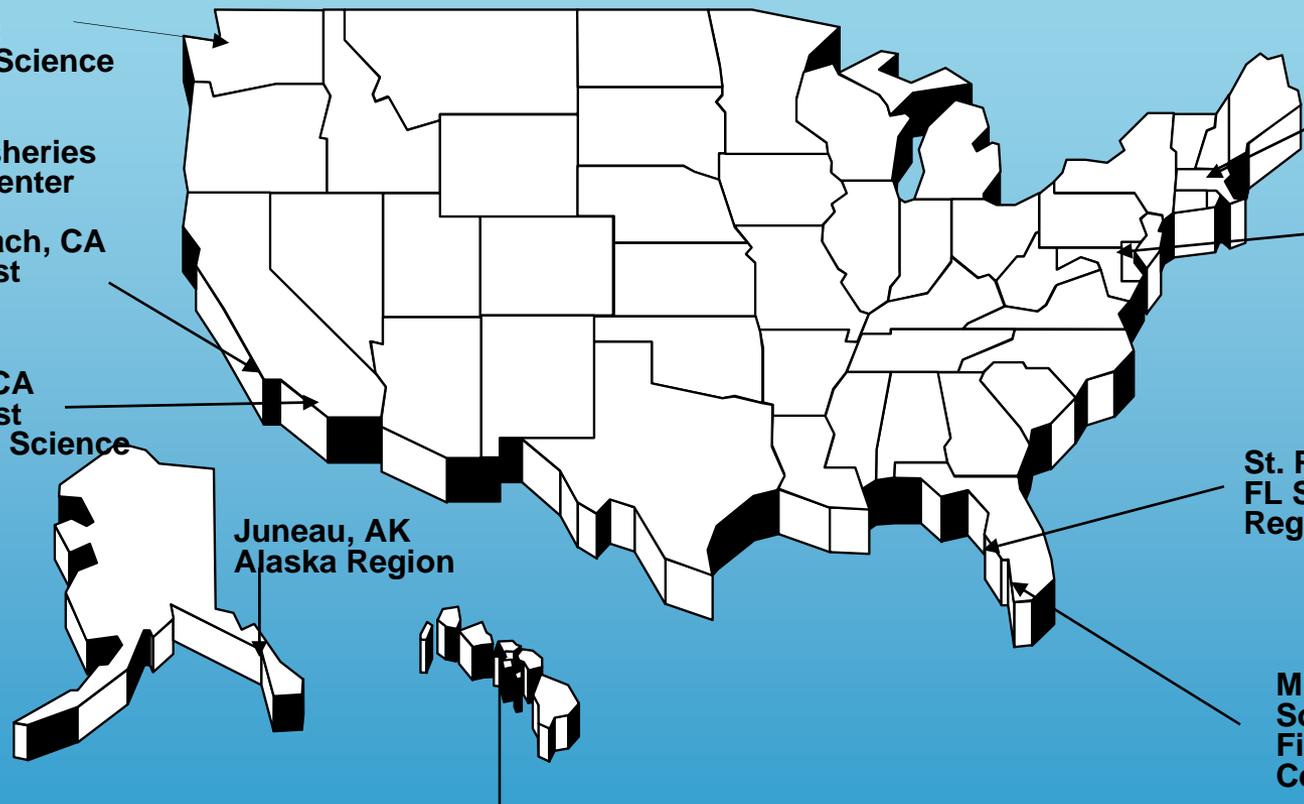
Pacific Islands
Fisheries Science
Center

Gloucester, MA
Northeast
Regional

Woods Hole, MA
Northeast
Fisheries Science
Center

St. Petersburg,
FL Southeast
Region

Miami, FL
Southeast
Fisheries Science
Center





Role of the Councils

- Provide representation on Advisory Committees
- Provide recommendations for U.S. Commissioner appointments
- Provide fisheries information, outreach
- Assist in implementing provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act (MSRA)
- Harmonize domestic and international regulations as appropriate





Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act

- Contains provisions designed to:
 - Address international overfishing
 - Combat illegal, unreported, or unregulated (IUU) fishing
 - Reduce bycatch of protected living marine resources





International Overfishing Requirements

- International overfishing may be addressed under MSA section 304(i)
- Revised National Standard 1 Guidelines will address MSRA overfishing requirements
- Exploring applicability of ACL requirements to internationally managed fisheries





International Overfishing Requirements

- Within one year after Secretarial determination under MSA Section 304(i), appropriate Council must develop and submit recommendations for:
 - Domestic regulations to address the relative impact of U.S. vessels on stock
 - International actions to end overfishing and rebuild the affected stocks





MSRA Biennial Report

- Due to U.S. Congress in January 2009
- Report will include:
 - Information on the status of international living marine resources
 - List of nations whose vessels have been identified as engaging in IUU fishing or bycatch of protected living marine resources





Addressing IUU Fishing and Bycatch

- U.S. Commerce Secretary is required to *certify* whether corrective action has been taken to address IUU fishing or bycatch
- Nations must be provided an opportunity for notice and comment
- Identified nations will receive either “positive” or “negative” certification



MSRA Certification Procedures

- To grant a nation a *positive* certification, U.S. Commerce Secretary must determine if:
 - For IUU fishing: Nation has taken corrective action or the relevant international organization has implemented effective measures to address IUU fishing
 - For bycatch: Nation has adopted regulations comparable to the U.S. to address bycatch and established a management plan to collect data





Effects of a *Negative* Certification

- Deny entry of fishing vessels to U.S. ports
- With exceptions, prohibit importations of certain fish or fish products from that country





Other International MSRA Provisions

- Promote improved monitoring and compliance of international fisheries
- Seek to improve the effectiveness of RFMOs to address IUU fishing
- Support efforts to build capacity in other countries for fisheries management and enforcement



Other International MSRA Provisions

- Implements two international fisheries agreements:
 - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention
 - Pacific Hake/Whiting



Summary

- International fisheries issues continue to grow in significance
- Councils play an important role in international fisheries management
- MSRA presents challenges and opportunities for NMFS and Councils to work multilaterally to address IUU fishing, bycatch

Questions?

